

## **SUMMARY**

### **General Sanitation Requirements for Mold**

#### **CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS**

**TITLE 8: Chapter 4, Subchapter 7, Article 9, Section 3362  
of the General Industry Safety Orders**

Mold and mold-infested materials are an unsanitary workplace condition that the employer must clean or remove.

Employees exposed to airborne mold spores or mycotoxins may suffer a variety of adverse health effects of increasing severity ranging from relatively mild allergic reactions similar to hay fever, aggravation of asthma, and in rare cases, hypersensitivity reactions or an invasive infection by some mold species. The likelihood of lost work time for employees increases with the degree of infestation of the work environment by molds.

If mold colonization is not curtailed by cleaning in its early stages, heavy infestations can physically damage the substrates they infest such as carpeting, walls, and other structural components of a building.

For a full text of this summary please go to:  
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/sanitationreq2.html>

